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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tsuyoshi MATASUMURA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2826  
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Serial No.: 10/693,504 ) Examiner: TRAN, Tan N.  
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Filed: October 27, 2003 )  
) Confirmation No.: 3147  
For: INSULATING TUBE, )  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE )  
EMPLOYING THE TUBE, AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a Restriction Requirement mailed February 16, 2005, the period for response extending through March 16, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-9, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device; and Group II, claims 10-20, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device. In the case of Group I, the Examiner further required election of species, characterized by the Examiner as Species A corresponding to FIGS. 1 and 2; and Species B corresponding to FIG. 10. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-9), Species A (FIGS. 1 and 2), and advise that claims 1-7 are readable thereon.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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